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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

To: All District Supervisors, Inspectors, Analysts and Instructors
From: Ronald H. Hughes – Director, Division of Investigation
Date: May 25, 2006

EAB-06007 Kentucky Fatal Accident # 11 (Nationally # 32) Haulage

On Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at approximately 10:00 AM, a surface mine truck operator was fatally injured at a mine located within the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing Martin District. The victim was 23 years of age with less than one year of total mining experience, 1 month at this mine, approximately 3 months at this occupation. This was the victim's first day operating the ten wheel Mack water truck .

The mine is a surface operation which employs a total of 39 employees on two eleven hour production shifts. Regular maintenance is primarily conducted on the day shift with some maintenance including emergency maintenance being contracted out. The victim was in the process hauling the second load of water to allay the dust on the mine roadways. In an attempt to water a descending graded roadway leading to the mine, the victim lost control of the vehicle resulting in the vehicle overturning on an embankment, pinning the victim partially under the cab of the truck resulting in crushing fatal injuries. The accident was reported to mine management via a nearby resident. The victim was pronounced dead at approximately 10:57 AM at the scene by the Breathitt County corner's office and then transported to the corner's office.

This is the second truck haulage fatality this year in Kentucky.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

1. Assure that all persons operating such equipment are adequately trained which includes task training on similar equipment which has different operational safety features.
2. Trucks are to travel in the proper gear at acceptable speeds for the road conditions.
3. Complete an adequate pre-operational check of equipment to be used.
4. Immediately report any defects and have them repaired before anyone operates equipment. Make sure that all safety features are operational.
5. Seat belts are to be worn at times when vehicle is in motion.

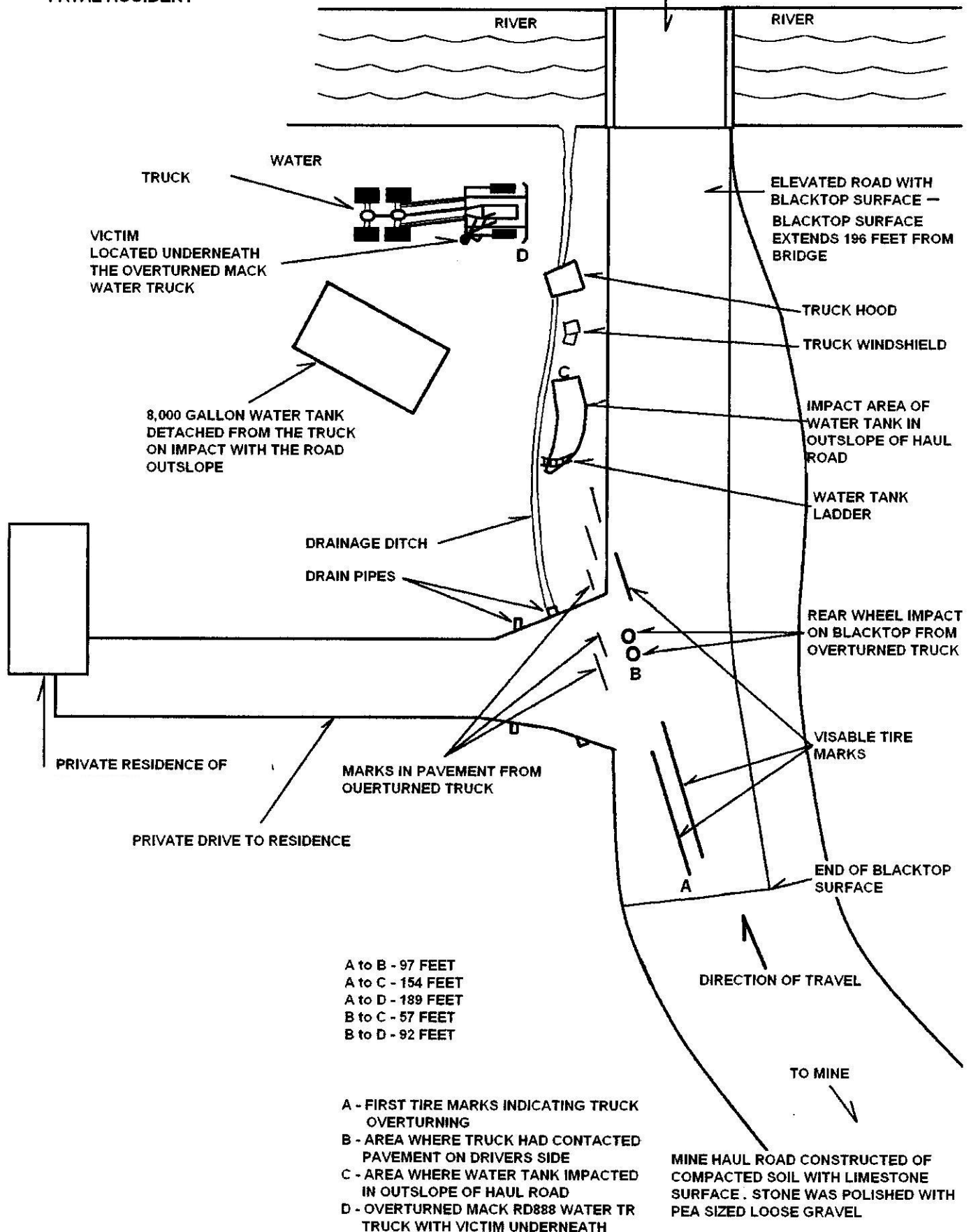
Remember, all accidents are preventable. We simply fail to prevent them.



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